

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, claims 1-17 were objected to because of informalities but otherwise allowable. The use of "LNB" and "SNB" were objected to as not being written out the first time they were introduced. However, the letters "LNB1/2/3" and "SNB1/2/3" were merely used to identify variables representing the sizes of the largest and smallest NVS buffers and are not abbreviations for claimed physical elements. They were selected to assist in distinguishing among six different buffer-size values recited in the claims. Nonetheless, in order to advance prosecution of this Application, in the present Amendment and Response, the variables "LNB1", "LNB2", "LNB3", "SNB1", "SNB2" and "SNB3" have been changed to "L1", "L2", "L3", "S1", "S2" and "S3", respectively. Thus, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended and are now believed to be allowable. Dependent claims 3, 4, 7-9, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are unchanged but are also believed to be allowable based on the allowability of their base claims.

For the foregoing reasons, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable Office Action is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,



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